The City Council of the City of Taylor met in a special meeting on August 25, 2011, at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas. Noting the absence of Council Member Osborn, Mayor Hill declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Council Member Jesse Ancira	City Manager, Jim D. Dunaway
Council Member Chris Gonzales	Assistant City Manager, Jeff Straub
Council Member John McDonald	City Attorney, Ted Hejl

INVOCATION
Mr. Straub led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION
Mr. Lonnie Zycha and Ms. Dana Moehnke addressed the council regarding a request to extend any decision on the old city hall for at least one year giving their group(s) an opportunity to develop a plan and seek alternative funding options.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. APPROVE MINUTES AUGUST 11, 2011.
2. CONCUR WITH PRELIMINARY FINANCIALS FOR JULY, 2011.

   Council Member Gonzales moved to approve the consent agenda as presented and Council Member McDonald seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA – REVIEW/DISCUSS & CONSIDER/ACTION:

3. CONSIDER ISSUES RELATED TO THE OLD CITY HALL INCLUDING RESOLUTION R11-21 CALLING A BOND ELECTION FOR NOVEMBER, 2011.
   Mr. Dunaway presented an update on this item since it was first discussed at the July 28th council meeting. Staff was asked to have the ballot language be more specific as to the actual site referenced for the location of the building if the option was for new construction. Since that meeting, a letter of intent was submitted by the Taylor Conservation and Heritage Society requesting an opportunity to seek alternative funding with regards to saving the Old City Hall.

   Council Member Gonzales moved to grant a 12 month extension to the Taylor Conservation and Heritage group until September 1, 2012 and to present an action plan with financial options to Council by March 1. Council Member Ancira seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

4. CONSIDER AGREEMENT WITH THE TAYLOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.
   Mr. Straub presented a request to consider renewing the annual agreement with the Taylor Chamber of Commerce for Hotel/Motel taxes collected by the city. The contract allows the chamber to receive seventy-five (75) percent of monies collected and not to exceed a total of $60,000 annually.

Council Member McDonald moved to approve renewal of the agreement as presented and Council Member Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

(The following agenda items were taken out of order to accommodate the late arrival of Council Member Osborn.)

8. CONSIDER CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE FOR LONG TERM DISABILITY PLAN.
Ms. Starla Hall, Director of Human Resources, presented a request to consider awarding a contract to Lincoln National Life for Long Term Disability Plan benefits. The current provider, Assurant, submitted a renewal rate with a 35% increase. The BeneTex Group requested quotes from two additional firms and came back with a recommendation to award the contract to Lincoln National Life. The end result would be an actual reduction in rates for the same level of services and guaranteed for a three year period.

Council Member Gonzales moved to approve the contract agreement with Lincoln National Life as presented and Council Member McDonald seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted Aye. Motion passed.

9. CONSIDER AWARDING BID FOR EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN.
Ms. Hall presented a request to consider selecting a new employee health insurance provider due to a 35% increase in rates proposed by our current provider, Scott & White. Based on the results of a request for bids and in an effort to minimize the impact on staff, Ms. Hall recommended awarding the contract to Blue Cross and Blue Shield with a minimal impact on staff monthly premiums.

Council Member Ancira moved to award the bid for employee health insurance to Blue Cross and Blue Shield as presented and Council Member McDonald seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

10. CONSIDER INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE TAYLOR INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (TISD) FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL IMPROVEMENTS AT T.H.JOHNSON ELEMENTARY AND PASEMANN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.
Mr. Dunaway presented a request to approve an interlocal agreement that allows the Taylor Independent School District to provide payment to the City for services and improvements already completed at the entrances to T. H. Johnson and Pasemann Elementary Schools. The project timeline was critical and needed to be completed prior to the beginning of the school year.

Council Member McDonald moved to approve the agreement as presented and Council Member Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

11. CONSIDER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH CLARK TRAVEL.
Mr. Bob van Til, Director of Community Development, presented a request to consider entering into an economic development agreement with Clark Travel providing property tax rebate incentives. The agreement guarantees a 50% reimbursement of

property taxes to the company over ten years providing that the company maintains a predetermined property value during the terms of the contract. Ms. Victoria Clark, Vice President of Clark Travel, expressed her appreciation to Council and staff for their assistance in relocating her business and their willingness to work through the process.

Council Member McDonald moved to approve the agreement as presented and Council Member Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

(Council Member Osborn joined the meeting at 7:24 pm during the discussion of the next agenda item.)

12. <u>CONSIDER AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TAYLOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR THE EXTENSION OF WASTE WATER FACILITIES.</u>
Mr. van Til presented a request to consider approving an agreement between the Taylor Economic Development Corporation (TEDC) and Clark Travel for wastewater facilities. The agreement proposes that the City and the TEDC will pay for these improvements with the TEDC agreeing to pay 50% or up to $115,000 of the cost to extend sanitary sewer services to the business.

Council Member Gonzales moved to approve the agreement as presented and Council Member McDonald seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

5. <u>CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2011-24 ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011/2012, EXCLUDING “CONTRIBUTIONS TO CIVIC PROGRAMS”.</u>
Ms. Rosemarie Dennis, Finance Director, presented a request to formally introduce an ordinance to adopt the annual budget for the 2011/2012 fiscal year, excluding Contributions to Civic Programs. Removing the Contributions is necessary to allow the Mayor and Council Member Ancira to participate in approving the budget.

With no further discussion, Mayor Hill asked Mr. Hejl to introduce the ordinance and read the caption.

ORDINANCE NO. 2011-24

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2011 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2012.

(Mayor Hill and Council Member Ancira recused themselves from discussion on the next item due to conflict of interests.)

6. <u>CONSIDER CONTRIBUTIONS TO CIVIC PROGRAMS INCLUDED IN ORDINANCE 2011-24.</u>
Ms. Dennis presented a list of programs the city has included in the proposed budget. Mayor Hill is employed by the firm of CARTS and Council Member Ancira serves on the board of directors for the Literacy Council of Williamson County and, as a result, recused themselves from this discussion.

Council Member McDonald moved to approve the contributions as presented and Council Member Osborn seconded the motion. VOTE: Three voted AYE. Motion passed.

(Mayor Hill and Council Member Ancira rejoined the meeting after the vote.)

7. <u>CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2011-25 FIXING AND LEVYING AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR TAX YEAR 2011/2012.</u>
   Ms. Dennis presented a request to formally introduce the ordinance fixing and levying the ad valorem tax rate for the fiscal year 2011/2012. The ordinance includes the proposed rate of 0.813893, which is the same as this year and reflects no increase in the ad valorem tax rate for the upcoming year. It was announced that "no vote will be taken at this meeting" and "the adoption of the budget, tax rate and contributions to civic programs will be voted on September 8, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at a meeting to be held at 400 Porter Street, Taylor, Texas, in the City Council chambers."

   With no further discussion, Mayor Hill asked Mr. Hejl to introduce the ordinance and read the caption.

   ORDINANCE NO. 2011-25

   AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, AND PROVIDING FOR THE INTEREST AND SINKING FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2011/12.

13. <u>CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2011-27 FOR POLICE OFFICER AND FIRE FIGHTER ASSIGNMENT PAY.</u>
   Mr. Straub presented a request to formally introduce an ordinance that allows the city to continue to provide assignment pay for police officers and fire fighters. This action is required annually and costs have already been included in the proposed budget.

   With no further discussion, Mayor Hill asked Mr. Hejl to introduce the ordinance and read the caption.

   ORDINANCE NO. 2011-27

   AN ORDINANCE CREATING "ASSIGNMENT PAY" FOR CERTAIN ASSIGNMENTS WITHIN THE FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS; SENIORITY PAY" IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN EXPIRATION DATE FOR THIS ORDINANCE.

14. <u>EXECUTIVE SESSION.</u> The Taylor City Council will conduct a closed executive meeting pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, Chapter 551, Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained in Section 551.072 in order to deliberate regarding acquisition of real property.

- Taylor Volunteer Fire Department land located adjacent to City of Taylor Fire Station on Carlos Parker Blvd.

15. CONSIDER ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION.
    No Executive Session was held.

ADJOURN

With no further business; Mayor Hill adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

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Don Hill, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Susan Brock, City Clerk